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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN VIEW OF LIBYAN-TUNISIAN MERGER:
FROM CONFUSION TO CLARIFICATION

REF: RABAT 0176

1. JANUARY 18 EDITION OF SEMI-OFFICIAL MAROC SOIR CARRIES EDITORIAL BY PUBLISHER MOULAY AHMED ALAOUI ENTITLED FUSION AND CLARIFICATION. PIECE IS COMPLEMENTARY TO ALAOUI' JANUARY 16 EDITORIAL, FUSION AND CONFUSION, WHICH WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL LIBYAN-TUNISIAN MERGER. ALAOUI'S LATEST EFFORT EXPRESSES SATISFACTION WITH STATEMENTS BY PRIME MINISTER NOURIA AND FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF CHATTI TO EFFECT THAT TUNIS WOULD GO SLOW ON MERGER. ECITORIAL NOTES THAT REACTIONS IN RABAT AND ALGIERS HAD BEEN SIMILIAR AND POINTS OUT THAT MOROCCO HAS NORMALIZED RELATIONS WITH MAGHREB NEIGHBORS, MOST RECENTLY TUNISIA. MAGHREB UNITY, EDITORIAL CONTINUES, HAS BEEN DEVELOPING SLOWLY OVER YEARS AND NECESSARY TO GUARD AGAINST INTRODUCING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUDDEN DISCORD INTO SITUATION. ALAOUI THEN ASSERTS THAT

MOROCCO HAS NEVER SOUGHT TROUBLE WITH LIBYA AND WONDERS
WHY COLONEL QADHAFI ATTACKS MOROCCAN REGIME WHEN HE HAS
REPLACED HIS OWN MONARCHY WITH DICTATORSHIP. MOROCCO
HAS MADE SACRIFICES FOR THE MAGHREB, PIECE CONTINUES;.
QADHAFI SHOULD BE READY DO LIKEWISE.

2. COMMENT: ALMOST SELF-CONGRATULATORY TONE OF THIS
EDITORIAL PROBABLY REFLECTS ACCURATELY GOM SENTIMENTS
ABOUT LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.
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